

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO PARTICI- PATE IN THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTEWATER REUSE PROJECT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today I take great pride in introducing legislation authorizing Federal involvement in the design and construction of a water reuse project in southern Alameda County.

The Alameda County Water District and the Union Sanitary District provide drinking water supplies and wastewater treatment services respectively to the California cities of Newark, Fremont, and Union City. By the year 2030, the combined service area water demands are expected to increase by 44 percent. The anticipated increase in demand, the scarcity of available water supplies, and an increased awareness of the importance of protecting our natural resources led the two districts to form a joint program to develop and implement the Alameda wastewater reuse project.

In order for this project to proceed, a limited amount of Federal assistance will be required. It is for this reason that I, today, am introducing legislation authorizing the water reuse project for Federal assistance under title XVI of Public Law 102-575.

In 1991, the Alameda County Water District and the Union Sanitary District jointly sponsored a water reuse survey to determine the potential for use of reclaimed water in southern Alameda County. The survey concluded that a water reuse project would provide an environmentally sound water resources management program, facilitate continued economic activity and general growth in the communities, and also serve as a model for other urban joint projects throughout the arid west. No less important, this project will complement other Federal, State, and local government efforts to restore San Francisco Bay's water quality.

In 1993, the two districts developed a reclaimed water master plan. Based on the plan, the two districts determined that design and construction of the Alameda County wastewater reuse project would be feasible and would meet the objectives of ensuring a sound and growing economy while promoting sound stewardship of limited water resources. Specifically, the project would:

Reduce demand on potable water supplies that could be used more efficiently for human consumption and natural resource needs;

Reduce wastewater discharges into the San Francisco Bay, thereby complementing regional, State, and Federal efforts to improve the bay-delta's water quality;

Ensure a reliable water supply for industry and other nonpotable purposes that will not be subject to cutbacks mandated by Federal and State requirements during periods of drought; and

Reduce the need for expansion of current drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities' capacity.

Based in part on the successful test of a pilot scale facility, this project enjoys broad support from the cities, school districts, and numerous industries, including high technology companies that depend on a reliable water supply. The project is also endorsed by the Association of California Water Agencies.

As I said before, water demands are expected to increase significantly over the next several years. With almost 85 percent of southern Alameda County's water supply imported it is important that we recognize that we need to leverage every possibility we have to maximize our local water resources. The Alameda County wastewater reuse project provides us with that opportunity.

The reclamation project has undergone necessary studies and it is ready to proceed to design and construction. Only with Federal assistance can the project take the next step and my legislation puts that in motion.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Resources Committee on the legislation and hope they can support this key component of the San Francisco Bay area's water resource management program.

H.R.—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTEWATER REUSE PROJECT.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into agreements under the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) with the Alameda County Water District and the Union Sanitary District of Alameda County and other appropriate authorities to participate in the design, planning, and construction of water reuse projects to treat effluent from the Union Sanitary District, in order to—

(1) provide new water supplies for industrial, environmental, landscape, and other beneficial purposes;

(2) reduce the demand for potable imported water; and

(3) improve the water quality of the San Francisco Bay-Delta.

(b) COST SHARE.—The Secretary's share of costs associated with any project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of that project. The Secretary shall not provide funds for operation or maintenance of any such project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 1995

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote Nos. 788 and 789 due to mechanical problems with my flight to Washington.

Mr. Speaker, had I not been detained, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 788 and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 789.

CLINTON AND THE BUDGET

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, it is clear that President Clinton cares little about what the American people want. The American people want a balanced budget. They want Medicare saved. They want to look toward a brighter future. The continuing resolution my Republican colleagues and I passed is a down payment on that future.

I have heard over and over again the rhetoric on the catastrophic nature of a Government shutdown. Frankly Mr. Speaker, a Government shutdown is not catastrophic, not balancing the budget is. In fact, the vast majority of people will not even notice the Government is shut down. The mail will still be delivered. Social Security checks will still go out, and air traffic will continue flow.

The overwhelming majority of phone calls, faxes, and letters coming into my office on this issue are very supportive. I received a fax from a senior citizen in my district that said "Hang tough. Shut Government down. We seniors want a balanced budget in 7 years. And we want Medicare fixed, even if we have to pay some increase for the sake of our kids and grandkids. Hang tough!"

Mr. Speaker, while the folks back home are willing to hang tough, the President seems only willing to play golf. We've done our job. I urge the President to do his.

A VOICE FROM THE NEXT GENERATION SPEAKS OUT ON PROPERTY RIGHTS

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of the House an especially timely and articulate letter I received from Honey Suzanne Hastings, a young constituent. She describes the impact the Endangered Species Act has had on her family as well as her own concerns regarding the weakening of property rights—an issue of particular interest to me and to many of my constituents. The letter is dated October 18, 1995, and reads in part:

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE SMITH: My name is Honey Suzanne Hastings. I am fourteen years old and a freshman at Bandera High School in Bandera, Texas.

In the past I have heard there was a conflict over property rights in Texas but it did

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not really mean much to me until my parents bought some hill country land in a nearby country.

It was their dream to retire and move out there when I graduate from high school, raise some livestock and live off the land.

Soon after they bought the land they found out that an endangered species would make it difficult for them to clear enough brush and cedar for the animals to graze without breaking the law.

My Dad and Grandpa both served their country in the military and have often told me how lucky we are to live in a free America. They have both chosen to live in Texas because of its great value of this freedom and the opportunity to pioneer.

This confusion over the rules about private property rights is making it hard for my parents dreams to live off the land to come true, and I hope that as my Representative you will work hard to make sure that my folks and others like them do not become endangered species.

Sincerely,

HONEY SUZANNE HASTINGS,
Pipe Creek, Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARTIN F. STEIN

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Martin "Marty" F. Stein, winner of the 1995 Human Relations Award presented by the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. The award is given annually to recognize individuals who through their skills, influence, and dedication, have demonstrated their unwavering commitment to preserving our democratic heritage.

Marty Stein is recognized for his profound commitment to humanitarian endeavors that have improved the lives of many Milwaukeeans. As president of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee from 1993-95 and as chairman of the executive's council and fundraising committee for the task force on battered women and children, Marty Stein has passionately mobilized resources for those less fortunate.

Marty Stein's civic and philanthropic activities have touched the lives of people throughout the world. He founded the Citizen Democracy Corps Business Entrepreneur Program, a Washington DC, group that provides business mentoring in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. In 1984, Marty Stein led the Operation Moses campaign which rescued Ethiopian Jews and brought them to Israel. Deeply committed to his Jewish faith, Marty weaves the Jewish values of community, family, and respect into his efforts to help others.

Whether in his local community, State, national, or international endeavors, Marty Stein's benevolence has made a positive difference. The worthwhile projects he leads are noble and the results are widely admired. Marty's wife, Barbara, who has many charitable accomplishments of her own, has supported Marty's activities throughout their 37-year marriage. I am proud to join the Amer-

ican Jewish Committee in congratulating Marty Stein as the 1995 Human Relations Award winner.

TRIBUTE TO GARY WASHBURN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I take the floor of the House today to honor and praise the lifelong dedication of a friend and public servant of the great city of Lake Elsinore in California. The accomplishments of this individual make me proud to call him my personal friend, a fellow community member, and a fellow American. His love for his family as a father and a husband, and his love for his country as a veteran and a leader are a display of his utmost respect for the traditional American values and principles. This gentleman that I speak so highly of, and regard with the highest respect is the mayor of the city of Lake Elsinore, Mr. Gary Washburn.

For the past 16 years, Mr. Washburn has served the government of the city of Lake Elsinore as a member of the planning commission, a city council member, and mayor. His influence and involvement has played an integral role in the growth and development of his city. I would like to commend him on his accomplishments in representing his constituents and providing leadership as the elected mayor of the city of Lake Elsinore.

Prior to his involvement in the city government of Lake Elsinore, Mr. Washburn served as a professor and is responsible for the education and welfare of many university-level students. He helped many young Americans open their minds, reach their goals, and build new dreams through education. In addition, Mr. Washburn is a combat veteran of Vietnam who was honorably discharged after 2 years of service as a crew chief on July 4, 1968. During his military career, he served our country in the 1st Aviation Brigade, the 54th Utility Airplane Company, and the Otter Air Service.

In addition to his involvement in representing city government and serving America, Mr. Washburn's other community involvements include: president of the Elsinore Elementary P.T.G., executive board of the Riverside County Economic Development Committee, president of the Rotary Club, chairman of the Riverside County City Selection Committee, board member of the Riverside Transit Agency, city representative to the Lake Elsinore Management Agency, city representative to the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency. His timeless dedication in serving his city and country have earned him the respect of his family, friends, colleagues, and constituents as a true champion of public service.

Unfortunately, on November 7, 1995, Mr. Gary Washburn will retire as mayor after a lifelong dedication to the public welfare of the citizens of the city of Lake Elsinore, CA. After over 16 years of service in city government, Mr. Washburn will end a long tradition of contributions of dedication and effort by his family dating back to 1889. On the occasion of his

retirement, I would like to thank him for his service to our community, and offer my best wishes for his future endeavors.

VIGILANCE NEEDED AGAINST TERRORISM

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, the events in Saudi Arabia with the deadly terrorist attack on American military support personnel, which resulted in the death of five innocent Americans, and the wounding of many others, make it clear that its still an unsafe world out there. Especially, so I might add, for American citizens and our personnel abroad, who are so often the target of these cowardly terrorists' attacks.

The deadly terrorist car bomb, as we saw once again in Saudi Arabia this week, is still the potent weapon of choice for those individuals or groups, who for whatever reason or cause, disagree with, or oppose American foreign policy, and goals.

Innocent American personnel abroad, as events this week again show, unfairly and most often become the target of these cowardly terrorists, whenever they want to intimidate, influence, or protest against our foreign policy.

The events in Israel earlier, with the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin, also make it clear that violence is far too often resorted to as a means of protest, and to address grievances. These trends toward violence and hatred in the world continue to cause grave concern, hardship, and instability around the globe today.

These most recent deadly and tragic events, and the continuing resort to violence and terrorism around the globe, make it clear that we must continue to be vigilant. We must maintain and support our law enforcement institutions, along with providing the continued resources needed to fight the scourge of terrorism, wherever and whenever it raises its ugly head.

We must also increase worldwide law enforcement cooperation and intelligence sharing in the struggle against international terrorism, and those who would practice this deadly trade and uncivilized means of influencing public policy and goals, no matter how well intentioned, or aggrieved these individuals or groups may feel they are today.

Let us not let down our guard; we must remain vigilant against the use of violence and terrorism as a means to any goal or policy. Together the whole world must strive cooperatively to thwart these evils wherever and whenever they emerge on the world scene today.

We owe this vigilance, not only to those Americans we send abroad to implement our foreign policy and goals, but also to our future generations, in order that they live in a more stable and violence-free world.